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STOLEN GOODS
Were Recovered by Police on Monday.
EDWARD DROHN ARRESTED
For Stealing the Property from a Dry Store—Della Gates is Also Implicated in the Theft.
Edward Drohn is in prison charged with having stolen about \$50 worth of dry goods from the store of Meeker and Maloney, at the old stand of the Stewart Dry Goods Co. on North Water street. The stolen goods have been recovered and Della Gates is also in jail charged with being implicated in the robbery.
Several weeks ago the firm misser two bolts of fine English serge which had been purchased from the whole-sale house with some other goods. It was supposed they were lost in transit and the firm had written to the whole-sale house about the missing goods.
On Monday the police learned that Drohn had been giving away dress goods to some of his woman friends and an investigation proved that the goods were the ones missing from the store. Officers Somerville and Imboden arrested Drohn and when ques-tioned at police headquarters he said that he went to the back of the store and took a box for kindling wood. He found the goods in the box and thought he would keep them for a while. All of the goods were recov-ered and were identified by the owners.
Officer Cross was sent to see Della Gates, who lives on Merchant street. When she learned that Drohn had confessed to having taken the stuff she produced the goods which had been hidden in her rooms. The Gates woman was also put in jail. Warrants will be sworn out against both Drohn and the woman.
JOHNSON AT KEY WEST.
He Writes of His Experience in the Regular Army Artillery.
Frank Johnson has received a let-ter from his brother, Oscar Johnson, who is with one of the artillery batteries of the regular army stationed at Key West, Florida. Oscar writes that he had to work very hard but that he was in good health. The soldiers are not held in much respect by the people because a Texas regiment which was formerly stationed there made them-selves disagreeable. Oscar tells of a big fort which the government is building at Key West and says that a large force of men are at work on it and that it will be a splendid fortifi-cation when it is finished. He says the battery of which he is a member expects to be sent to the Philippine Islands and that is just what he wants.
The men are required to go to school one hour each day and are put through all kinds of drills, and Oscar states that there is a good deal to be learned. He says that recently the soldiers marched with the school children to the cemetery and planted flowers on the graves of the victims of the Maine. Oscar thinks he will like the army life after a while, but that he tried every way to unfit himself for the place. He was required to take another examination recently and tried to get thrown out on account of having a weak heart, but he says that the bluff didn't work.
Holiday Rates.
The Indiana, Decatur and Western railway will sell tickets between all stations and to all points in Central Passenger Association territory on December 21, 25, 26, 30 and 31, and January 1, 2, at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning including Jan-uary 3, 1899. For time of trains, rates, tickets and full information call on any I. D. and W. ticket agent or address John S. Lazarus, General Passenger Agent.—Jd-dlw
Gave a Dinner.
D. F. Wallace, who recently retired from the position of car repairer for the Illinois Central at Decatur, will leave Wednesday for Arkansas to en-gage in farming. On Christmas day Mr. Wallace entertained a number of his friends at dinner at his home, 513 East Condit street.
Shooting Match.
George Rupert gave a shooting match west of the St. Louis bridge on Monday afternoon. There was a good attendance and some excellent scores were made. The best shooting was done by Bob Humble, George Rupert and George Post.
The winds and waves are always on the side of ablest navigators.

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DUELS TO KILL
Bold Hungarians Arrange Fights to a Finish.
THE FIRST OF SIX MEETINGS
Pistols and Swords to Settle Quarrels in the Political Circles of Buda-pest—Wounds Inflicted—Nobody Killed.
BUDA PEST, Dec. 28.—The first of six duels arranged between M. Horan-ter, member of the lower house of the Hungarian diet, and his seconds, the seconds of Baron Banffy, the Hungarian premier, growing out of the dispute still unsettled between the two principals, took place today between Baron Fejervary, minister of national defense, and Count Karolya. Pistols were the weapons, but the en-counter was bloodless. Fejervary missed his opponent and the pistol of Karolya missed fire. Later Banffy's second, Ziemore, fought with swords. In the first encounter Ziemore was cut on the head. After the wound was bound up the duel was resumed and Ziemore was again severely wounded in the head. The seconds then stopped the fighting.
DEWEY IS 61
Celebrated Birthday on Day of His Promotion to Rear Admiral.
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Rear Ad-miral Dewey, the man who smashed Manila at Manila and gave us the Philippines, yesterday celebrated his birthday, and by the retirement of Rear Admiral Bance, became on the same day, the ranking officer of the United States navy.
Graduated from Annapolis in 1858; cruised in the old Walah in the Mediterranean; made lieutenant in 1858; fighting with Farragut on the Mississippi as part of the West Gulf squadron; doing duty in the North Atlantic squadron, helping to survey the Pacific when peace had come again, and made commodore in 1895.—such is the skeletonized life-sketch of the born strategist and fighter, club man, clear-headed officer and daring seaman, who is today keeping charge of our new possessions in the Indian sea and making rear admiral.
LIVELY AT HAVANA
Incidents of a Day in the Chief City of Cuba.
HAVANA, Dec. 28.—Senor De Castro, the civil governor of Havana, acting in accord with General Lud-low has issued an order forbidding the carrying of firearms or the carrying of fireworks in the pub-lic thoroughfares. He also prohibits the assembling of crowds in the street after 5:30 p. m.; orders the closing of all places of entertainment, including the theatres and cafes, at 11 p. m.; forbids people taking part in outdoor African dances, in which the participants are dressed in devil costume; forbids meetings of Nanygos and all manifestations which may produce conflicts between the Cubans and Spaniards and between Spaniards and Americans. Those who violate these laws are threatened with severe punishment.
A detachment of American artillery-batteries was admitted into Cuban ter-ritory yesterday in order that the men might familiarize themselves with the guns mounted there, so as to be able to salute the Spanish flag on January 1. Regla was evacuated by the Span-iards and occupied by the Americans.
The Havana wards which have al-ready been evacuated were the scenes of processions and noisy celebrations. A cab driver was shot last night for refusing to enter territory within Spanish jurisdiction with Cuban and American flags on his vehicle. An omnibus driver and two women were shot by Nanygos today and the body of a lieutenant of guerrillas has been found near Zeiba de Anga, this prov-ince. He was taken from the town by a band of Cubans and killed.
The Spanish alcalde of Zeiba de Anga has arrived here and his son has advised him not to return there or he will be killed.
Several guerrillas have been reported to have been killed at Sancti Spiritus after the evacuation of that place by the Spaniards and before the Ameri-can occupation of the town.
Four Spaniards, residents of San Luis, province of Pinar del Rio, have arrived here, saying they fear they will be killed by the Cubans.
The police reports show that 12 more persons have been wounded, four of them being intentional cases. The rest of them received accidental wounds.
TWELFTH CENSUS
The Subject Considered by the Amer-ican Economic Association.
NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 28.—The report of the commit-tee on the scope and method of the twelfth census occupied the attention of the American Eco-nomic Association at the first session today. The report em-bodied a large number of extracts from essays submitted to the com-mittee in response to questions sent out to leading economists. The papers were upon specific topics and contained a vast amount of valuable suggestions and information as to advanced statistical methods. In its own report the committee says that in the suggestions offered "there is criticism not so much of accuracy of census returns as of the treat-ment of data in the eleventh cen-sus returns and of lack of conti-nuity from census to census."
A CONVICT'S CHRISTMAS.
TAYLORVILLE, Dec. 28.—Christ-mas has had few favors for Joseph Reynolds, under sentence to the Ches-ter penitentiary on a charge of horse stealing. Reynolds and his wife were arrested several months ago on this charge and while they were in jail the woman committed suicide. On Christ-mas day the unfortunate man asked that he might be allowed to visit his wife's grave. In company with a deputy sheriff he visited the potter's field and took a first and last look at the neglected mound. He will be taken to Chester in a few days.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 28.—The 14th annual meeting of the Amer-ican Historical association opened to-day. Papers read were on "Plan for the Study of Scottish and Irish His-tory," by Prof. H. Mors Stephens of Cornell University; "Practicable Methods of Conducting a Large His-tory Course," by Professor Dunway of the Leland Stanford University, and the report of the committee on the "Study of History in Secondary Schools," by Professor McLaughlin.
ALL A MISTAKE
The Miltonvale Bank in Kansas Still Open for Business.
ABILENE, KANSAS, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Miltonvale says that the statement sent out from this city to the effect that the Miltonvale bank of Oatlin Bros. had failed is a mis-take. A special to the Reflector says the bank is still doing business at the old stand. Reports from the firm are that they are all right and sound and have their paper in good shape. The Reflector says: "The publication in an Abilene evening paper of the state-ment that a leading business firm and the bank of Miltonvale had failed was entirely false."
MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY.
CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Louis Slick of 1804 North Marshallfield avenue, chose a unique and horrible method yesterday to end his life. He lifted a lid from the stove and held his head against the glowing coals until he was burned so severely that he was rendered un-conscious. He was found a few min-utes later by his wife and eight hours later he died without regaining con-sciousness. Slick was 68 years old and was formerly a harness maker.

IN A STEW
State and War Depart-ments All at Sea
AS TO AFFAIRS AT ILOILO
Cable Message from Consul Pratt Gives No Comfort—Specu-lation as to the Capture of the City.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—There is a good deal of anxiety in official cir-cles over the recent event in Iloilo, Philippine Islands. The state and war departments have both received official dispatches on the subject, but it is impossible to gather from them with accuracy any knowledge as to the situation there. It is not even pos-sible to learn whether the insurgents or the American forces have taken the city.
This morning Consul Pratt at Singa-pore cabled as follows: "Iloilo taken on December 26 and the Spanish fled to Bornoe." This threw the officials into deeper doubt than before. The American expedition of 2000 men and the warships Baltimore and Callao would scarcely have had time, it is said, to reach Iloilo by the 24th, so the inference is that the insurgents are in possession. Color was lent to this supposition by the fact reported in the dispatch that the Spaniards retreated to a strongly fortified town on the island of Mindanao. The fact that the Spaniards were retreating, whether to Bornoe or Mindanao, is construed as an indication that the town was abandoned to the insurgents, as they would not have done this had the sur-render been to the Americans.
LATEST NEWS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A dis-patch from General Otis at Manila, received today, confirmed the fears of the war department officials as to what had taken place at Iloilo. Gen-eral Otis says: "Sent Colonel Potter on the fastest vessel to Iloilo on the 24th to communicate with the Spanish General Rios. The latter evacuated on the evening of the 24th and Colonel Potter was 30 hours late. The in-surgents took possession of the city on the 26th and Colonel Potter found Aguinaldo's flag flying. Cannot now report the probable results. Will not hear from there for four days as there are no cable communication. The Spanish forces evacuated all the sta-tions in the southern end of the is-lands except Zamanga and Mindanao, by orders, they say, from Madrid."
The evacuation of the Southern Philippines by the Spanish has un-doubtedly done much towards compli-cating the problem of extending mili-tary jurisdiction over the islands by the United States. It will now be necessary to expedite the execution of the original plans and it may be fully expected that within a week important events will have happened in the is-lands.
EVACUATION
Surrender of Iloilo by Rios, the Span-ish General.
MADRID, Dec. 28.—General Rios, Spanish commander in the Visayas, has telegraphed to the government from Iloilo, capital of the island of Panay, under date of December 21 as follows:
"Am preparing to embark on the steamer Leo XIII for Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, having yesterday (December 23) formally surrendered Iloilo in the presence of the military and naval commanders, the mayor and foreign consuls. Have charged the German consul with the protec-tion of Spanish interests. Shall ar-rive at Manila by the end of the month."
Though the dispatch is ambiguous, it is assumed here that the surren-der of Iloilo was to the Americans.
Mrs. O. Arendis, southwest of Mel-vin, had her leg fractured below the knee by the kick of a horse.

WESTERN MEDICAL MEN.
OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 28.—The 8th annual meeting of the Western Surgi-cal and Gynecological association con-vened today with 150 leading surgeons of the transmississippi country in at-tendance. The president, Dr. Fair-child of Clinton, Iowa, read an interesting address entitled "Review of Some Surgical and Gynecological Problems." Then other papers were read.
ARRESTED AT HAVANA.
HAVANA, Dec. 28.—Patrols of American troops made 30 arrests for misdemeanors last night and turned the prisoners over to the civil author-ities, except two Spaniards, who were surrendered to the Spanish authorities. Fifty United States sol-diers have been arrested for being in the city without leave.
FIRE IN THE SOUTH.
ENSLEY CITY, ALA., Dec. 28.—Early this morning the Somet-Solvay company's product plant was burned. Loss \$175,000.
MORRILL NO MORE
Oldest Member of the U. S. Senate Passed Away.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Justin Smith Morrill of Vermont, known the country over as the father of the Sen-ate, died in this city at 1:25 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning.
Senator Morrill's illness began last Wednesday. He had gone to the capitol several times in the wet, foggy weather that prevailed last week, and on Wednesday complained of pains in different parts of his body, with a high fever, which indicated that he was suffering from the grip. He went to bed and Dr. John Van Rensselaer, who is his next door neighbor on Thomas Circle, was called to attend him.
Senator Morrill was born April 14, 1810, and was in the 89th year of his age. He was first elected to Congress in 1855. When the civil war broke out he drafted the famous tariff law which bore his name.
In the death of Hon. Justin Smith Morrill the Senate lost its senior mem-ber in point of service and its oldest in age. He had served continuously in the Senate for more than 31 years, and was 88 years old the 14th of April.
During the greater part of Morrill's term of service he was identified as a member of the committee on finance. He had at his fingers' ends a wealth of information concerning the tariff and financial questions, which was always useful in the elucidation of problems under consideration. Dur-ing his long career Morrill gave his attention to many questions, and no man in public life was more given than he to taking to a subject and holding on to it through years and years until consummated. He was the real father of the scheme for the construction of a building for the con-gressional library, and to him and Senator Voorhees is the splendid li-brary building a monument. Very near to his heart also was the plan for the erection of a sister building for the supreme court. He had been press-ing the measure looking to the con-struction of such a building for many years, and had on three different oc-casions prevailed upon the Senate to pass his bill for this purpose. His last appearance in the Senate was on the 19th inst., when he made his speech of a half-hour's duration in ad-vocacy of the supreme court building bill. He at the same time prevailed upon the Senate to pass the bill in the face of some opposition.
To Morrill more than any one else was the present splendid en-dowment of most state agricultural colleges due. He was the author of the original bill giving aid to these colleges from the proceeds of sales of public lands.
OHIO FIRE.
ALLIANCE, OHIO, Dec. 28.—Parthes shoe store and the Cassidy Drug and Chemical Co. suffered a loss of \$100,000 by fire early this morning.
There was one applicant before the Decatur Pension Board today, Mr. Thomas Evans, principal of the Jack-son street school asked for an in-cense.

STATE TEACHERS IN SESSION
Midwinter Meeting at Springfield--Supt. Gastman on Com-munity Life.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 28.—The session of the 45th annual meet-ing of the Illinois State Teachers' as-sociation began in representatives' hall at 9 a. m., with a very large attend-ance of eminent educators from all parts of the state. The forenoon was given up almost entirely to addresses on the topic, "What Can the School Do to Improve Community Life?" John W. Cook, president of the State Normal University, gave an ad-dress on "What Schools Can Do for the People," and D. B. Parkinson, president of the Southern Illinois Nor-mal University, spoke on "What Schools Can Do for the Child."
DISCUSSION.
The discussion of the whole subject was opened by Hon. E. A. Gastman, superintendent of the Decatur schools. He said in part:
By the arrangement of your execu-tive committee it falls to me to at-tempt to give in a few minutes some of the results of the work of the pub-lic schools that have been developed in the community in which I have worked for some years. I have been asked to tell you as nearly as possible how the schools have affected the life of the children and the people and what, if any, has been the permanent result upon society. The subject is a great one and it would be easy to weary you in its treatment. There-fore, it is proposed to simply touch very briefly upon a few things that illustrate the changes that have oc-curred in that city.
Undoubtedly it is still true that we may look upon either side of the shield and that our opinions will be largely affected by the standpoint which we occupy. It is not difficult to find men who believe that Christianity is a great failure and that this world is rapidly hastening to decay and destruc-tion because of the shortcom-ings of professing Christians. Unless the reporters have misin-formed us there are a number of wise and honorable men in high places, who believe that the war just closed was a dreadful and awful failure and that our country is rapidly approach-ing certain destruction.
The same may be said of the ques-tion now before us. The pessimistic side of the shield will show the dread-ful failure of the public schools to ac-complish any good in the community. The pupils can neither read nor reason, they are dishonest and un-truthful, they are educated away from their "proper sphere in life," and can never be anything but a misery to themselves and a disappointment to their friends. But you know the story.
Your speaker prefers to look upon the other side. He believes that the sun never looked down upon a brighter and better world than it does today and he takes the same optimistic view of popular education. The schools were never doing more for the people and the nation than in this year of grace, 1898.
But let us hasten to a consideration of the main questions.
Let us begin with humblest child in the community and see what the schools can do for him. No one will contend that much consideration should be given to the pecuniary value of an education. But this view of the mat-ter is not entirely obsolete in our communities and probably will not be for many years. Let it be the lowest result of the schools if you please.
A negro boy graduated from our High school some 20 years ago. He was the first graduate of his race in that school. You know that under ordinary conditions he would have cleaned the stables of his Caucasian neighbors at from three to five dollar per week. But this boy at once entered a machine shop and rapidly worked up to the head of the steam-fitting department. For years he has received a salary of from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day. There is no more re-spected workman in his native city today than that negro. A few years later his brother graduated from the same school and at once entered the University of Illinois. He was not able to complete a course in that in-stitution, but in a short time he se-cured a position as a route agent in the United States postal service. He soon had the reputation of passing examinations among the very best in his department. As a result the gov-ernment willingly paid \$1000 a year for his services. The father of these boys was a southern slave until middle life!
Did it pay these young men to get an education? Did it pay the state and the nation to help them to an education?
Last June I enjoyed the rare pleas-ure of conferring the highest honors in a class of 55 at the end of a four year's course upon a young negro woman. The pleasure was greatly enhanced by the fact that the award was made by the unanimous wish of the class. That woman is now pur-suing a course in the University of Michigan. Where does the money come from? Contributed by the citi-zens of the city who maintained the school which made it possible for her to prepare herself for the work she is now doing. The color line is settled in that city and thank God, it is settled right!
But the beneficiaries of the schools are not confined to either race or sex. It would be easy to name men and women who are largely indebted to the schools for the positions they now occupy. Teachers whose mothers sup-ported them by work at the wash tub while the daughters enjoyed the privileges of growth and development offered by the schools.
A few years ago a boy of humble parentage was known as a hard worker in the high school. Later on he graduated from one of the great uni-versities and commenced the practice of medicine. After a few years of decided success in that profession he determined to go to Europe for further study and advancement. Dur-ing the present year he obtained a position in one of the hospitals in the city of Dresden after a severe com-petitive examination. Last year while on a somewhat extended trip to the Pacific coast I was much gratified to find men and women formerly known to me as school children occupying prominent positions in business life. But one instance can be given: I called upon one of the high school pupils of some 30 years ago in one of the great cities of the coast. He took me over an immense building whose five or six floors were crowded with the finest furniture. It was owned by a wealthy company of which my former pupil was the president and manager. A school mate of the olden time has since told me that 25 years ago this man entered that city with less than five dollars in his pocket.
But do not think that pecuniary success is the only thing that these men have achieved. Noble characters have been developed. Dr. Harris pointed out long ago that commu-nities which maintained high schools would educate in them the men who would become the directors of the business and social life of the com-munity. This view of the general value of education to a whole people is abundantly illustrated in our city today. The school boys of 30 years ago are now the managers of banks, wholesale establishments and large manufacturing interests. They are the doctors, lawyers and ministers who look after our physical, legal and spiritual welfare. They are the citi-zens who give standing and character to the community at home and abroad.
But the schools have manifestly affected the community in more pro-found, if less visible, ways than by furnishing good citizens and directors of business and social affairs. In literary culture there has been a con-stant and steady advance. An excel-lent free public library of 17,000 vol-umes and a reading room supplied with the leading papers and period-icals of this and foreign countries has been maintained for years by a tax levied upon all the property of the community. Probably there is no in-stitution in the city today that is closer to the hearts of the people than the public library. Possibly it is accidental but it is a fact that every employe of that institution has been a pupil and most of them graduates of the public high school.
Working along the same lines and profoundly impressing our everyday life is a strong Woman's club. It has erected for its home a beautiful build-ing and from it there goes forth a continuous influence that is gradually but surely transforming and uplifting the popular taste in all literary mat-ters. A large part of the membership of this organization comes from the teachers and former pupils of the pub-lic schools.
The growth of the appreciation in the community of the value of higher education shows in a remarkable man-ner the influence of the schools upon the life of the people. Twenty-five years ago one graduate of the high school stated that he proposed to go to college. The announcement caused almost a sensation in the town. He entered Cornell university and it is interesting to note as showing the influence of an individual act upon a community that for ten years nearly every man who sought the culture

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OUT OF THE CITY

H. Clay Montgomery Left Sunday for Chicago.

He Has Not Returned and the Grain Commission Office was Closed by Dr. Tobey to Await Developments.

H. Clay Montgomery, the active member of the firm of Montgomery, Tobey & Co., grain commission merchants, has left the city. He went away from Decatur on Sunday night, presumably for Chicago on business, and was to return yesterday morning, but he is still out of the city and it may be that he will not be seen in Decatur soon again.

As to the cause of his mysterious departure there is no one who is able to throw any light on the matter, but it is supposed that financial difficulties were at the bottom of it. This supposition is based on the fact that today Justice O. W. Smith issued for the Decatur Gun company an attachment against Mr. Montgomery for the sum of \$22.55, which amount Mr. Montgomery owed the firm on a personal bill. The application for the attachment on the part of the Decatur Gun company was not made until the matter was thoroughly investigated and it seemed apparent that Mr. Montgomery had left the city for good and all.

Dr. R. E. Tobey, who was Mr. Montgomery's partner in the grain business, was seen this afternoon at his dental office in the Haworth block.

"All the statement I have to make about the matter," said Dr. Tobey, "is that Mr. Montgomery left the city on Sunday evening, announcing that his intention was to go to Chicago and return on Tuesday morning. As it is he has not yet returned and I have reason to believe that he did not go to Chicago. Mr. Montgomery was the active member of the grain firm and I was simply associated with him in a financial way. He attended to all the grain business at the office in the Powers block, as my attention is taken up entirely with the practice of dentistry."

Dr. Tobey says that for the present he has closed the grain office and suspended business. Not being actively engaged in the operation of the business he said he was unable at present to say anything as to the financial condition of the firm and refused to express himself in that regard on the grounds that he did not care to commit himself until he was able to substantiate his statements and knew exactly in what condition matters had been left by Mr. Montgomery.

If financial entanglement was the cause of Mr. Montgomery's disappearance, it is not known at present what his liabilities are, further than the attachment claim mentioned above, but it is supposed that money difficulties of some kind was the cause of his action.

MOFFETT HOUSE PARTY.

Christmas Week of Festivities at the Home of W. T. Moffett.

The family reunion at the home of Hon. and Mrs. W. T. Moffett in Blue Mount township is still in progress and will last all week. It began on Christmas day with a big dinner for the entire company of 30 people, old and young. It is the first time all of the Moffett family had been together at a reunion and it was a most enjoyable occasion. There were present Hon. and Mrs. W. T. Moffett, E. H. Hall and family of Mechanicsburg, E. W. Allen and family of Harrodsburg, William Hugh, E. R. Moffett and W. D. Moffett and families of Blue Mount, John B. Moffett and family of Decatur. There were six children, 16 grand children, three daughters-in-law and three sons-in-law, the total number being 30. Mr. Moffett, who has represented Macon county in the state senate, was born in Illinois and is 52 years of age. Mrs. Moffett was born in Vermont 65 years ago. The couple were married in 1856 and came here direct from Vermont. Abraham Lincoln in the 30's was an attorney for Mr. Moffett.

MORRILL'S FUNERAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Arrangements for the funeral of the late Senator Morrill have been completed. Services will be held in the Senate chambers Saturday noon conducted by Rev. E. B. Leavitt of All Souls' Unitarian church, where Senator Morrill

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attended. He will be assisted by Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind Senate chaplain. The remains will be taken to the family home at Stratford, Vt., though they will probably be entombed here for a time until the family mausoleum is completed.

BRYANS'S VIEWS

In Brief on the Subject of Expansion and the 1900 Campaign.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 28.—William J. Bryan arrived today from Chicago and this afternoon left for Lincoln. When asked if he thought the question of imperialism would overshadow the money question in the campaign of 1900 Bryan said it is difficult at this time to tell what relation those subjects would bear to each other. He thought if Congress would adopt a resolution pledging the government to keep the Philippines only as a trust for their people, as we do Cuba, until a stable government is established, the expansion issue will be at an end. However, the question, if not settled in some such way, would continue to be a matter for discussion until disposed of, and would, therefore, remain one of the issues before the people. With regard to Porto Rico Bryan said the situation could be simplified if the people of the island should first be permitted to vote whether they desired annexation to this country or the formation of an independent republic.

SEXTON EXECUTED.

PRINCETON, MO., Dec. 28.—Ira Sexton was hanged here today for killing Nathan Stark, a young farmer, a year ago.

AUSTRALIA GOLD.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 28.—Gold shipments from Australia for the year 1898 amounted to 12,830,000 pounds. The shipments to America increased 2,000,000 pounds.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henry, of 153 West Washington street, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, a daughter.

—Miss Emma Borchers is spending the holidays with relatives and friends at Corro Gordo.

For Sale.

The stock and fixtures of the Bee Hive Grocery Store, situated at 601 North Water street. For further particulars call on or address Wm. A. Holman, assignee, 104 East Prairie Ave., Decatur, Ill.

PHILIPPINE INSURGENTS.

They Are Swayed and Led On by Different Leaders—Against the Power.

The insurgent's facility of movement and indifference to hardships, which would be unendurable to other troops, have made the conquest of Luzon a speedy and easy matter to them. It was in this conquest that the independent spirit of the different leaders has been shown, and it was only after the success gained by other generals that Aguinaldo began to appreciate the fact that, while the commander in chief in name, he was, in the opinion of many of his generals, only a partner in the enterprise. For example, Gen. Macabulos, a young man of about 30 years, has raised an army and has taken possession of three of the richest provinces in the northwest. Aguinaldo proposed, not long ago, to send Macabulos to another part of the island. Suspecting that he was to be freed from his command on account of his popularity in the north he refused to go, saying his province would have to be conquered by Aguinaldo before he would leave him. A few days later he forwarded to Aguinaldo as a guarantee of good faith in the cause of the insurrection, the sum of \$35,000 in cash. This was since the young commander in chief moved his headquarters from Raceron in the province of Cavite, to Malolos, in the province of Bulacan, about 25 miles north of Manila, where the revolutionary government was formally organized recently. The action of Macabulos is not unique. Several other prominent leaders openly refuse to recognize the absolute authority of Aguinaldo, each of them refusing to submit to his dictatorship any further than is compatible with his own personal interests. Aguinaldo's power seems to be chiefly among the lowest class of natives, who have a superstitious veneration for him that is quite inexplicable. They believe that he bears a charmed life, and that no bullet or knife of the enemy can injure him. Not only do they wear on their chest in battle representations of religious symbols rudely drawn on cotton cloth, and carry in their mouths bits of parchment or paper with similar designs drawn in pencil in a magic circle (they call these charms ang-tang-tang), but they even carry Aguinaldo's name as a fetish.—F. D. Millet, in Harper's Weekly.

A War Incident.

While securing the Winslow to the Hudson an incident occurred which forces itself through the crush of sad memories and causes a smile. One of the Winslow's crew was conspicuous for his quickness, knowledge and adaptability. He knew where everything was and how to do everything, and he was usually there to do it. But, from the time the first line was made fast until we were miles out of range of the shore, his sole idea was to get another shot at the Spaniards. The minute he could drop the work before him he would jump to a gun, throw in a shell, elevate the gun as far as it would go and let drive, caring nothing of where the shot landed so long as it went in the direction of the shore.—Lieut. Ernest E. Mead, U. S. R. C. 3, in Harper's Magazine.

DAMAGES WANTED

By W. L. Ferguson from C. N. Wilcoxon.

\$1,200 CLAIMED TO BE DUE

For Eight Months' Salary at a Position Which Ferguson Never Got—Præcipe Filed To-Day.

In the office of the circuit clerk this afternoon W. L. Ferguson, ex-manager of the City Electric Railway Co., filed through his attorney, David Hutchinson, a suit against C. N. Wilcoxon, the present manager of the electric road. Only the præcipe in the case was filed and the damages are placed at \$1,200. The declaration will be filed later.

Attorney Hutchinson when asked about the case said it was a suit brought by Mr. Ferguson to recover eight months' salary at \$150 per month, which he claims is due him from Mr. Wilcoxon. The attorneys said that Mr. Ferguson was offered and accepted a situation by a certain party at the price named and that later it developed that the party was C. N. Wilcoxon, and that the prosecution would endeavor to establish the fact that the party offering the position was Mr. Wilcoxon and hold him responsible for the salary which was promised Mr. Ferguson and which was accepted by him.

It will be remembered that Mr. Ferguson resigned his position as manager of the street car company to take the management of an electric road in Indiana. Mr. Wilcoxon was appointed to succeed him in the management of the local road.

EXECUTION OF JIM BROWN.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 28.—James Brown, colored, was hanged in the county jail today for the murder of Henry Prather, also a negro, two years ago in a row over a woman. Brown was captured in Quincy, Ill., a year later.

JUST A TRINKET

All That Seabrooke Has to Meet His Obligations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Thomas Q. Seabrooke, the actor, today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Seabrooke states that his liabilities are \$39,075. As an offset to this Seabrooke states that the only property he has is one scarf pin.

PEAKE & SONS' ONE-HALF OFF SALE!

All This Week.

Remarkable Slaughter Sale of our entire stock of WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, at JUST ONE-HALF OFF.

A \$4.00 Oak Clock for \$2.00. Plenty of goods on hand of the very choicest.

A \$20 watch for \$10; a \$10 watch for \$5.00. All goods marked in plain figures, and you can tell at a glance what bargains we are offering.

This stock must be cleaned out this week. If you want a watch or clock, or piece of silverware or jewelry, you can get it at just one-half off—this week only.

Don't fail to attend this sale. J. L. PEAKE & SONS, Jewelers.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Frank Stafford of Champaign is the guest of Decatur relatives.

—Miss Lida McGowan of Jacksonville is spending the holidays with her parents.

—Mrs. Will Ritchie of Warronsburg was in the city today.

—Miss Lulu George of Auburn is the guest of her aunt, Miss Anna Lyons of 338 North Church street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Draper and Mrs. S. D. May of Mt. Zion were in the city today.

—James Boyles of 935 North Clay-ton street is ill of pneumonia.

—C. C. Armstrong of the Mueller Manufacturing company, who has been seriously ill, is able to be up and about the house.

—I. H. Burgoon, formerly the receiver of the T. H. and P. road, now of Fremont, Ohio, was in the city for a short visit today.

—H. C. Stultz has returned from a 10 days' stay at Joplin, Mo.

—G. W. Hay of Milmine transacted business in the city today.

—Dr. R. L. Walston has returned from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Percival Chubb of Brooklyn.

—Miss Louise Gastman is the guest of Chicago friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Meriweather are in Chicago.

—Berry Ennis has returned to Chicago.

—Lincoln has one case of diphtheria been quarantined.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure head
aches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.
The officers of the Sunday school
for the coming year will be elected at
College street chapel on next Sunday.

Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on
any goods. Collateral, best rates.
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You pay a little more for the clothes
that Denz makes but—

Picture Frames 10 cents and up.
Abel Carpent Wall-Paper Co.—23-dlw

Miss Maude Dill and Miss Eliza-
beth Matthews were hostesses for the
Card club at the home of Miss Dill on
North Water street last evening.

California fruits at Glossner's, 148
East Prairie.

Why send your money out of town
when we take your subscriptions at
publishers' prices.

L. Chodard's News House.

The election of Christian church
officers credited in last evening's Re-
publican to the Edward street church,
had reference to those chosen by the
Christian tabernacle congregation.
The error was at once apparent to the
members of both churches.

Pains in the chest when a person has
a cold indicate a tendency toward pneu-
monia. A piece of flannel dampened
with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and
bound on to the chest over the seat of
pain will promptly relieve the pain and
prevent the threatened attack of pneu-
monia. This same treatment will cure a
lame back in a few hours. Sold by J.
L. King and C. F. Shilling.

Now an Editor.

Anthony Branth, formerly a printer
of this city and well known in Deca-
tur, is now editor of a newspaper at
Milford, Ill. He left this city a num-
ber of years ago to go on a farm, but
he has given up his agricultural pur-
suits and is one of the proprietors of
the Milford Independent.

Holiday Rates.

The P. D. and E. Ry. will sell
tickets between points on its line on
December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and
January 1, at rate of one and one-
third fare for the round trip. Tickets
good returning until January 3. Call
on your ticket agent for particulars as
to territory—2-28d

Two Women In Jail.

Lucy Bell and her daughter, May
Bell, were arrested last night and are
now in the city prison. They are
charged with keeping a disreputable
house on North Calhoun street. Their
cases will be given attention in the
county court.

ANNUAL FEAST.

Members of Fire Department Will
Give Their 'Possum Supper.

The members of the city fire depart-
ment are making extensive prepara-
tions for their annual 'possum sup-
per, which they will give next Satur-
day evening at the Morgan street fire
house. Those who are invited to the
supper are the members of the fire de-
partment, the fire commissioners, the
mayor and city council and city offi-
cials. The firemen have made for
themselves a reputation for giving
'possum suppers surpassed by
none and the affair this year will be
up to the standard, which was estab-
lished in past years.

ACCIDENT AT ELKHART.

Mrs. R. J. Oglesby and Dwight Funk
Injured by a Fall.

Springfield News: "Dwight Funk,
the captain and crack half back of the
Bloomington Bicycle club football
team, which played in this city yester-
day, met with a painful accident
while on his way home this morning.
He boarded the north bound train and
was standing on the front end of the
chair car when the train arrived at
Elkhart, where it was stopped to allow
Mrs. Oglesby to get off. When the
lady stepped from the car step to the
platform, she slipped, and Mr. Funk
attempted to catch her, when he lost
his footing and also fell. When he
was picked up, it was found that he
had sustained a gash several inches
long on his forehead. He was taken
to a physician's office, where the in-
juries were dressed."

Coughing

Constant coughing is very annoying,
and the continuous hacking and irri-
tation will soon attack and injure the
delicate lining of the throat and air
passages. Take advice and use Dr.
Bull's Cough Syrup in time. This
wonderful remedy will cure you.

Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP

Cures a Cough or Cold at once.
Does not irritate or cause to take. Doctors
recommend it. Price 25 cts. At all druggists.

THE GOLDEN AGE

Third Number of Taberna-
cle Entertainment
Course.

The State, Church and Home Defined
by Dr. Z. T. Sweeney of Vir-
ginia—Heard by Large
Audience.

The third number of the tabernacle
course was presented last evening by
the Hon. Z. T. Sweeney of Richmond,
Va., a writer, orator, minister of the
gospel and a politician. Mr. Sweeney
defined the causes of the outflowing
of his talent in the many directions as:
A writer from inclination, a preacher
by instinct, a politician by circum-
stances and a lecturer from sheer
downright necessity.

The speaker talked on "The Golden
Age," dividing his subject into three
distinct sections, "The State," "The
Church" and "The Home." The
golden age of the state, he said, was
when the government ministers in the
highest degree to the wants of man,
when all parts of our government
serve the rights and liberties of the
individual. This possibility is the
peculiar greatness of our government.
We are not the greatest nation on the
earth in some respects. We are not
the greatest in geographical extent,
armies, navies, libraries, museums,
art galleries, cathedrals, in all this
we are comparatively infantile. The
greatness of our government lies in its
ability to stimulate and elevate the
individual. Hence our splendid school
system which teaches the individual
to think, our splendid printing press,
giving our citizens the right to speak,
our splendid ballot box, giving the
individual the right of action, our
presidential chair, reached only by the
broad road of the common people,
which declares universal political
equality. All these are made possible
and available by the protection of the
star spangled banner, filled with glory
and bathed in splendor.

But there are great dangers menac-
ing and threatening all these elements
of our peculiar greatness. The little
red school house is attracted by in-
fluences which threaten the dissolu-
tion of the school system. The print-
ing press for good is being threatened
by the vicious and corrupt literature
of the day. The power of the ballot
box and presidential chair are threat-
ened by the gerrymanders tampering
with the tally sheet and by political
rings. The cure for all these evils,
the speaker declared to be the robust
and masculine asserting of individ-
uality by the citizen.

GOLDEN AGE OF THE CHURCH.
The golden age of the church, which
like our government, exists for man, is
when it ministers to his welfare in
the highest degree. The church of
the future will not be known by its
doctrinal and theological color, nor by
the amount of motion, emotion or
commotion which it will exercise;
neither by its criticisms, nor by its
cynicisms nor its forms, but by its go-
ing about doing good like its master.
The church that takes a bad man and
makes him good, that takes a good
man and makes him better, is the
coming church.

GOLDEN AGE OF THE HOME.
The home will reach its golden age
when it reaches its highest ministry
to man. If at the marriage altar the
young man and wife pledge themselves
in heart each to be the servant of the
other, that home will be a happy one.
If, however, they enter into the mar-
riage compact with views of having
their rights, look out for the toma-
hawk and the scalping knife.

The large audience which is charac-
teristic of the tabernacle attractions
showed their appreciation of the
speaker's remarks by frequent and
vigorous applause. Mr. Sweeney told
a great many stories that have been
repeated by public speakers before,
but never in just the way in which
they were repeated last evening. He
is a forceful, earnest and entertaining
speaker, carrying the weight of sin-
cerity in every word he utters.

AT THE GRAND.

MARLOWE THURSDAY NIGHT.

Julia Marlowe has never been more
becomingly gowned than as "The
Countess Valeska." The apple green
velvet Empire costume, in which she
makes her first appearance, suits her
to perfection, accentuating as it does
her graceful lines and dignified car-
riage. When she entertains the Em-
peror Napoleon at dinner and wears a
heavy white corded silk, embroidered
in gold, with filmy silk shawl carried
gracefully about her shoulders, she
is indeed a veritable countess. In the
last act amid the strife of battle, she
dons a pale yellow wool gown with
sable trimmings, very picturesque
and appropriate.

HOLIDAY BRIDES.

Muir-Camron and Crist-Rankin Wed-
dings Celebrated Tuesday Evening.

Miss Frances B. Camron, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Camron of
1082 North Monroe street, was mar-
ried to Hugh Muir of Chicago at the
residence of her parents at 8 o'clock

last evening. The ceremony was per-
formed by Rev. George F. Hall of the
Christian tabernacle in the presence
of a large assemblage of friends and
relatives, and was followed by an
elaborate wedding supper. The gifts
were numerous, valuable and beauti-
ful.

The newly married couple will re-
main in Decatur until January, when
they will go to Chicago, where the
groom is employed as a plumber, to re-
side.

GRIST-RANKIN.

Marriage rites for Miss Grace Ran-
kin and Charles Crist of Monticello
were performed by Rev. George F.
Hall at his residence at 6 o'clock last
evening, in the presence of a few
friends.

The bride formerly lived in Decatur
and is well known here. The groom
is a farmer of Piatt county. They re-
turned to Monticello today.

TEACHERS IN SESSION

Continued from First Page.

given by the colleges entered the same
institution. Today there are a large
number of her pupils among our busi-
ness men.

About 15 years ago, the current sud-
denly changed. A graduate of the
University of Michigan became a
popular teacher in the High school
and at once the boys and girls began
to look toward that celebrated institu-
tion. From that time until now more
of our young people have been in Ann
Arbor than in any other college town.
It may not be inappropriate to say
in this presence that we are now mak-
ing a vigorous effort to turn the tide
and before long we hope to be able to
say that we have more of our students
in that magnificent institution at Ur-
bana than in all the other colleges in
the country.

We have representatives at Illinois,
Chicago, Northwestern, Michigan,
Lehigh, Yale and Harvard universi-
ties and in numerous colleges
and it is probably safe to say that
at least 50 of our pupils are now in
advanced institution of learning.

The fine arts have neither been neg-
lected nor forgotten. A musical cul-
ture club has served as an inspiration
to all lovers of music. It has not
only brought the joys of this noble
art into the homes, the churches and
the societies of the city, but it has
placed our citizens under great obliga-
tions by bringing distinguished artists
from other sections of the country
and giving to all the unspeakable
pleasure of listening to their render-
ing of the works of the masters.

An art class has for 19 consecutive
years held regular meetings and studied
the history and the technique of art
and the biography of artists, thus keep-
ing alive in the community a love of
the highest ideals in sculpture and in
painting; yes, the old masters are
much adored in the little prairie city.
A ceramic society brings forth things
beautiful and fair for the adornment
of the homes. As Ruskin says:
"Ideas of beauty are among the noblest
which can be presented to the human
mind, invariably exalting and puri-
fying it according to their degree." It
is even true that beautiful and pure
homes are the safe guards of the na-
tion and the precursors of the kingdom
of God on earth.

In conclusion, it may be said that
there has been a marked and contin-
uous growth in literary, artistic and
aesthetic culture in the community. The
number of books, magazines and works
of art purchased annually has con-
stantly increased. Beauty as well as uti-
lity has been considered in the erection
of the churches, schools and homes.

Even the three room cottage is no
longer the unsightly square box of
former years. I believe that it may
be said truthfully that probity, purity
and patriotism have kept pace in
growth with all the other virtues so
that today it may be declared that we
have grown not only in knowledge
but are better grounded than ever be-
fore in our love of country, home and
God.

There was a general discussion of
the topic. The closing address was
given by Hon. E. B. Andrews, super-
intendent of the Chicago schools.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carvor, corner of
Eldorado and Union streets, on Tues-
day, December 27, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver of
North Water street, on December 27,
a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. P. G. Elkin at
the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B.
Culbertson of North Water street, on
December 27, a daughter.

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Ball Given Last Night at
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Large Number of Young Ladies and
Gentlemen in Attendance—
Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Darwin Entertained.

The ball given last evening at the
Guards' armory by the Assembly club
was the most elaborate social event of
the season. There were a large num-
ber of persons present and the affair
was a marked success. The member-
ship of the club is made up of a num-
ber of young men of the city and three
entertainments will be given during
the season, the one last evening being
the first.

The armory was tastefully decorated
with holly. The dining room was in
white and gold and throughout the
evening sandwiches, coffee and salads
were served under the direction of
Mrs. F. J. Sedgwick. The dancing
began at 10 o'clock and the full opera
house orchestra of 11 pieces rendered
the music.

The members of the club and the
ladies who were their guests are as
follows:

Messrs. and Mesdames G. C. Dan-
forth, Frank Schlademan, H. H.
Clark, C. C. Leforge, Dr. and Mrs.
Will McBride, Dr. and Mrs. Fred
Stoner, Mesdames Oldham and David-
son; Misses Gertrude Tyler, Ann
Roby, Bessie Young, Adele Black-
stone, Miss DeForest, Anna Roberts,
Eunice Scott, Lena Ulrich, Louis
Boyd, Ida and Mary Voorhies, Alice
Boring, Madge Hays, Ethel Seovill,
Jessie Montgomery, Clara Greene,
Miss Pulham, Edith Carter, Nina
Backmaster, Noy Montgomery, Grace
Hansher, Miss Moore of Danville,
Ky., Sallie Scruggs and Zella Ewing;
Messrs. W. B. Tyler, Hal Roby, Lato
Roby, Bob Madill, Will Blackstone,
T. B. Jack, Ed. Haines, Will Arm-
strong, Joe Bixby, Will Hammer,
George Eunis, Edgar Quinlan, Edward
Powers, Frank Evans, Howie Cecil,
Guy Seovill, James Johnson, Will
Linn, Hugh Bone, H. L. Oldham,
Mr. Shepard of Lovington, Ira Cloykey,
Walter Vail, Landley Jones, Edward
Backmaster, Corey Nicholson, Harold
Young, T. B. McRoyals, Reeves
Scruggs, Robert Vail, Robert Hays,
of Denver, Col., and Walter M. Pro-
vine of Taylorville.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHERE.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darwin enter-
tained a number of their friends Tues-
day evening at a progressive euc-
here party given at their home on West
Wood street. After the game had
been played supper was served on the
card tables. The College Hill mando-
lin orchestra was in attendance and
rendered music throughout the even-
ing. The company included the fol-
lowing: Messrs. and Mesdames A. T.
Summers, George Jenkins, C. Briggs,
A. Robertson, B. O. Applegate, M. T.
Hott, Hal Stevens, Frank Elwood, R.
O. Rosen, J. Matthews, Will Leiby,
J. B. Ballard, Dr. and Mrs. William
Cotto, Dr. and Mrs. F. O. Rhoades;
Mesdames Thompson, Prossett, Clel-
and, Whitel and Sears; Misses Cora
Elwood and Lou Hott; Messrs. B. Z.
Taylor, Thomas Dorwin and James
Stafford.

CHURCH ACTION.

Protests Against the Admission of
B. Y. Roberts to Congress.

At the meeting of the official board
of the United Brethren church of this
city last evening a resolution was
offered by Rev. J. A. P. King asking
Congressman Caldwell of this district
to use his best efforts to unseat the
newly elected Mormon congressman
from Utah, who admits having three
wives, and it is said, thinks of tak-
ing unto himself another. The reso-
lution is as follows:

"Hon. B. F. Caldwell, Representa-
tive in Congress from the 17th Dis-
trict of Illinois: Dear Sir—We, the
members of the quarterly conference
of Centenary United Brethren church,
Decatur, Ill., believing that it is a
violation of constitutional law and also
of the pledge upon which Utah was
admitted into the union of states;
furthermore, that it is lowering the
standard of morals of our nation to
permit Brigham Y. Roberts, repre-
sentative-elect from the state of Utah,
to be seated as representative from the
state of Utah. We therefore, in quar-
terly conference assembled, most earn-
estly request you to use every laudable
means to prevent him from occupy-
ing a seat in the great law-making
body of our nation."

The members of the U. B. church
are not the first organization by any
means to adopt similar resolutions.
The church people and thinking people
of the country have been quick to re-
sist the introduction of a man of
Roberts belief into the law-making
halls of Congress.

Basket Ball.

The members of the young ladies
basket ball team will leave tomorrow
for Springfield to play with the team
of that city. About 25 young men
and women will accompany the play-
ers.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1893.

THE SEEB HAS AN OPINION.

The Rev. M. S. Newcomer, in a prelude to his sermon Sunday evening, gave his opinion as to how a newspaper should be conducted. The Republican congratulates the reverend gentleman on his success in getting back to earth, where he is content to have an opinion, instead of claiming that he is a seer, and as such, is endowed with infinite power to deliver divine messages touching matters of which he, as a finite being, could not have the knowledge he assumes.

The reverend gentleman has been trying to forget that the Republican's contention has been that he does not possess this infinite power, and that when he assailed the government as he did, in the prelude to which the Republican took exception, he did it, not as a seer, but as a partisan on the same plane as the ordinary political slanderer who does it for political effect. It is a pleasure, therefore, to note that he has himself, under his recent tutelage abandoned that ground as being untenable and now contents himself with having an opinion that was assailed.

He is quoted as saying in his last prelude as to newspapers, that: "When that broadminded and charitable era will dawn upon the world, men will not be controlled by such narrow bigotry and passions as to be thrown into paroxysms of rage when others express an opinion adverse to their own."

This sounds well and it looks well in print; much better than a claim to have a commission from God to "smite sin in high places," when a fellow don't know anything about the sins he smites, except what he reads in some partisan newspaper that is devoting its time to breaking down an administration which it opposes only from a party standpoint. But the Republican is more charitable than the Rev. Mr. Newcomer seems to think, for it is willing to concede that when he made his broad, ill-advised and unpatriotic assault on the government, he believed he was honest and was doing God a service. Paul was in that state of mind when he held the coats of those who stoned Stephen. So he confesses. It was Paul's opinion that Stephen should be stoned or put to death. When on his way to Damascus his opinion was that all Christ's followers should be slain. Paul's opinion, however, was erroneous. He learned that lesson in his conversion and ever after that he was very modest in announcing opinions. He was much more devoted to facts. He found that prejudice was an unsafe guide. So even an honest opinion may be a mistake.

Rev. Newcomer has trained in a school where the first requirement for good standing is prejudice against the Republican party, which led to the opinion that everything connected with that party is bad. When one is once in that state it is easy to assail a Republican administration with all sorts of wickedness. Any sort of trash trumped up is eagerly seized and made to do duty in forming an opinion. This is clearly the way the Rev. Newcomer formed what he now calls an opinion, instead of the words of a seer, and which the Republican is generous enough to concede was an honest opinion from his point of view. It was honest because he believed it. The errors of his school led him into this mistake however. What one believes has nothing to do with the facts. There were those who believed and some who still believe, the world to be flat instead of spherical. That opinion did not change the facts. Brother Jasper has an opinion. It is "dat de sun do move. De earth do not move," but that good brother's opinion has nothing to do with the facts, or rather the facts have nothing to do with his opinion, though the opinion may be honestly held. Herein lies Rev. Newcomer's error. He no doubt believes that Congress is reeking with corruption; that the president is unpatriotic and that all his devoted work for the honor of the nation and the nation's flag is fit only for condemnation and so he condemned the government, first as a seer with infinite wisdom and God's commission to smite sin in high places, but now because it was his opinion. The Republican in its former contention clearly showed that the Rev. Newcomer could not and did not know the facts and therefore his claim to be a seer was an imposition. His opinion is worthless for the same reason. Opinions which uplift the world must be based on known facts, not on prejudices or gossip.

Those who assailed the government when Abraham Lincoln was president believed themselves honest just as Rev. Newcomer does, but the trouble with them was their opinions were due to prejudice and the slanders of those who were trying to break down Lincoln's administration. The man who assassinated him believed himself a patriot. Some one in the Decatur Review files to the defense of Rev. New-

comer with the declaration that he is patriotic; that "a more patriotic, loyal citizen never breathed." That may be true but his utterances for which he has been criticised were not patriotic and he seems to think that a tree is to be judged by its fruit. When Cleveland was president he and the American Congress were the government. In his contention with England over the Venezuelan affair every Republican paper in the land supported him. That was patriotic. They did the same when he sent the United States troops to restore order during the Debs strike. That was patriotic. But these facts Rev. Newcomer forgot in his prelude on the partisan press. It would have been a good thing to refer to, but perhaps he was not looking for facts as much as he was looking for effect.

The trouble is there are too many people who mistake their prejudices and erroneous opinions for patriotism. President McKinley and the American Congress comprise the government now, and it is patriotic to sustain the government in its contention with foes within and without. It is not patriotic to assail the president and Congress with corruption and licentiousness in face of the enemies of our country for more partisan effect, and the Republican cannot quite subscribe to the declaration that the citizen who permits his prejudice to lead him to do this is as patriotic as any man who breathes. On this point the Republican would prefer McKinley, Dewey, Sampson, Hobson and the American Congress, who have all been assailed by the Rev. Newcomer, who now has an opinion. If a million of our citizens were the kind of patriots Rev. Newcomer is trying to be in the present crisis and openly and publicly assailed it, what would become of the government? Who would sustain it? Would it not be rent to pieces with internal strife? Would not the assassin's dagger be dripping with blood? and would not chaos reign supreme?

Partisanship is justifiable when the people are deciding what party and what principles shall prevail, but when it is carried to the extent of trying to break down the government in a crisis like this, in face of the enemy, it is unpatriotic and dangerous. We need to court true citizenship as well as true religion.

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You can't fool the public all the time. They will find you out at last. Every time a man is fooled. Another skeptic is made. Many the remedy that makes the skeptic.

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Mr. W. W. Shockey, of 919 West Wood street, carpenter and millwright, says: "In the spring of 1893 I had a severe attack of kidney trouble. I was bedridden and the physician who treated me called it kidney colic. Under his treatment I improved some but since then I had a dead aching in the small of my back which lay there like a heavy pressure. Lifting or stooping always aggravated it and caused sharp pain in my groin, and at such times I suffered from a kidney weakness. Last spring, 1897, I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and was highly recommended by those who had used them that I decided to give them a trial and got a box at a drug store. I read the directions carefully and took them accordingly. Gradually the pain began to leave me and when I had used the whole box I felt so encouraged that I bought a second. When I had taken it I was entirely free from all pain in my back and groin and I have been so ever since. Doan's Kidney Pills are an excellent kidney remedy and as such I can recommend them to anyone in need of a good kidney medicine."

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The servant girl who doesn't know her place shows that knowledge isn't the only thing that is power.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a run for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

H. H. Scatterday has been appointed conservator of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Moore at Pontiac, F. G. White declining to qualify.

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HUMOR IN SMALL "ADS."

Some Funny Things Are Found in the "For Sale or Exchange" Column.

There is more than one way of getting rid of some article you don't want and getting hold of something you really need, or think you need, which is the same thing. If a man owns a dog and hankers for a watch, he doesn't have to sell the animal and then use that money in purchasing the timepiece. That was the way it was done years ago, but the "For Sale or Exchange" column in the Sunday newspapers have changed the method of operation. Pianos are exchanged for sealskins and jewelry. Books are taken in trade for silverware for the table and harnesses. Sign painting goes for clothes, and stenography for bicycles. One young woman advertises: "First-class teacher, with best of references, will give stage or society dancing lessons for dry goods, shoes or anything useful." Another person says: "Opals or amethysts for silverware, typewriter or hardware." A laundress who wants to learn to play the piano says: "Wanted—Piano lessons in exchange for laundry work, or what have you?"

Apparently many of these traders are willing to take nearly anything of value, and, of course, each one expects to get the best of the bargain. There must often be heart-burnings and many sad words when the man who has traded an Angora cat for dental work finds that his teeth have been filled with plumbers' solder, or the woman who has exchanged a Persian rug for an alarm clock discovers that the timepiece runs only on Thursday afternoons, and then strikes nothing but 32.

One enterprising individual advertises: "Best French conversation in exchange for cash or solid goods." It may be said that there are many persons who would also like to trade large bunches of "best English conversation" for cheese sandwiches or an old pair of pants.

A family with lots of board, but a household of leaky pipes, wants to "exchange good board for plumbing; walking distance," and a man with a large wardrobe but nothing to hunt with wants "up-to-date gun for winter suit, No. 42." A hotel man will "give interest in the business for use of furniture for 15 rooms," while a man on the South side would like to exchange dentistry for housework.

One advertisement which is slightly ambiguous reads: "Wanted—Lady for light housekeeping in exchange for good home," and a "competent stenographer" desires to exchange her services for board and room, while still a third says: "Bookkeeper's desk, show case and gun for tailoring or any old thing."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

THE ALASKAN VESUVIUS.

The Glare from the Spouting Lava Turns Night Into Day—Not Yet Named.

Further information of the active volcano discovered in the Atlin gold district in British Columbia is to the effect that the volcano furnishes the miners a light by which to work their claims during the long darkness of the Arctic winter. The glare from the spouting lava, reflected back against the sky, gives an almost continuous twilight to the upper end of the Atlin district.

All the passengers of the steamer Cottage City, arriving from Alaska, have stories to tell of the volcano, but from Dr. W. B. Kinsloe and T. H. James, mining men of Denver, who have been making an examination of the Atlin country, comes the best and apparently most authentic description of the Alaskan Vesuvius.

"The mountain in eruption," said Dr. Kinsloe, "is the second in a range of four towering peaks lying about 50 miles due south of Lake Gladies and a slightly shorter distance from Atlin City. These mountains are of at least 14,000 feet altitude, the crater resting slightly below its three brother peaks."

"It was in the early part of October that the smoke was first seen issuing from the mountain. With the thought of a volcano furthest from their minds, the miners attributed these first signs of an eruption to clouds hanging about the peak. So constant, however, was the cloud that it became an object of daily observation from Atlin City. Then, on November 8, the mountain burst forth in flames. Through the smoke cloud there shot a stream of molten lava, boulders and ashes that brightened the sky for a radius of nearly 40 miles and sent its reflected light through the darkness down upon the men working on Birch, Discovery, McKee, Pine and other creeks, the sides of whose banks face towards the volcano."

"A panic ensued among the miners when the ashes began falling down upon them."

"The ashes fell to a depth of several fathoms and the stream down the mountain side increased in magnitude. The fall of ashes later stopped and the men returned to work."

"When we left the miners were working nights, gladly profiting by the mellow twilight caused by the volcano's glare, which turned night into day."

"No name has as yet been given to the mountain, but when we left, the Canadian officials at Atlin were preparing for an expedition to the volcano and will undoubtedly christen it."—St. Louis Republic.

A Bright Stove Blacking. Finely powder half a pound of ordinary blacklead, sift it and mix with the whites of three eggs, well beaten. Dilute these ingredients with sour beer until a thin liquid, like French leather polish, is obtained, and set it over a hot fire to simmer for about a quarter of an hour. When cold the blacking will be quite ready for use.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A cough is not like a fever. It does not have to run a certain course. Cure it quickly and effectively with One Minute Cough Cure, the best remedy for all ages and for the most severe cases. We recommend it because it's good. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

S. G. and E. A. Metz of Champagne have bought the boot and shoe stock of R. M. Zyboll at Monticello and will continue the business at the latter place.

WINTER MILLINERY.

Far Is Much in Evidence and Flowers Are Used in Trimming.

The midseason always reaches out both ways in making selections in hat wear. It looks toward Paris for any new events that the early season and the great occasions there may have produced, and it looks backward as far as last winter for the best ideas there, bringing these two extremes together, takes what is prettiest, and there you have the midwinter hat in all its glory.

Paris is talking about white hats to-day, and is wearing them. Beautiful things they are, too, made of coarse cream lace interwoven with chenille. These shapes are trimmed in whatever flowers, feathers and plumes "my lady milliner" pleases.

New York is leaving its popular craze for angel wings used crosswise, and for its walking shapes is substituting sweeping ostrich plumes, or paradise, on shapes of the Amazon variety, though very much more elaborate and ornate than the hats of last year.

The other prime favorites are hats, capotes, turbans and toques made of fur. These are really beautiful contrivances. Nothing is more lovely than a gray chinchilla fur toque with two beautiful ostrich plumes held by an aigrette of silver-mounted rhinestones. With mink fur are used the very popular carter plumes, and with cable the favorite jet and black combinations.

These fur hats are to be the thing, and they are truly artistic and suitable to the season. Flowers are also a great rage, and are as much used in combination both with furs and velvets. Many of the most beautiful hats have garnitures of large wintry leaves surmounted with dahlias, asters and chrysanthemums, which are to-day the favored flowers in Paris, but do not forget that Paris changes its hats frequently. It is more of a monthly matter there, and when one comes to look at it in the right light there is the usual particular fitness which characterizes French provision both for living and attire.—American Queen.

Oscar Miller of Cropsey and Miss Ella Worrick of Fairbury were married December 21.

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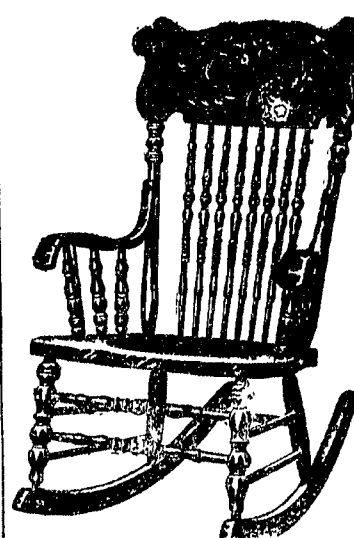
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BOND OF \$1,375

Chris Laux Was Held to Await Grand Jury.

THIRTEEN STATE WARRANTS

Have Been Sworn Out Against Him Witnesses Were Examined and Identified Their Property on the Stand.

The case of Chris Laux came up today in the court of Justice Hardy. Laux is the man who was arrested in Oklahoma and who had in his possession a large collection of stolen property, including harness, saddle, a turban, blanket, meat and tools. There were 13 warrants against him, seven charging larceny and six charging burglary.

Attorney J. L. Latham appeared to prosecute and Attorney J. F. Whitley was retained to defend Laux. A large amount of the stolen stuff was brought in the court and the place looked very much like a second hand store. Various witnesses from whom the goods were stolen were put on the stand to identify their property. There was no defense, but Attorney Whitley questioned the witnesses to the prosecution in regard to the truth they lost their goods and from whom they were stolen.

Justice Hardy bound Laux over to await the action of the grand jury placing his bond at \$1,375. In default of bail Laux went back to jail and his case will probably be given attention by the next grand jury.

PROPERTY OWNERS

On South Franklin Street Held Meeting on Tuesday Evening.

Property owners representing frontage of over 3500 feet on South Franklin street, met Tuesday night at the second hand store of Henry J. Dermott and organized for the purpose of opposing the acceptance of a plan of widening of Franklin street. A. H. Hoken was made chairman of the meeting and Joe Schoenle was elected secretary. It is understood that property owners will stand together in their fight against the acceptance of the street. A committee composed of A. H. Hoken, H. J. McDermott, Joe Schoenle, was appointed to visit the property owners who were favorable to the movement and assess them for the employment of attorneys.

DEATH RECORD.

HENRY HILDEBRANT.

Henry Hildebrand, one of the citizens of the county, died at home at the corner of King and Union streets at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday evening aged 75 years. Bright's disease the cause of death. The deceased a retired farmer and formerly lived in Friends Creek township. He has been a resident of Macon county for past 61 years. The remains were taken this afternoon to Argenta, for burial.

Triumph Court Officers.

Triumph Court, No. 17, Tribune Bar, last evening elected the following officers:

Chief—W. T. Grout. Judge—W. Z. Walmsley. Teacher—Dr. Pierce-Collins. Guide—Mrs. H. E. Weigand. Captain—Mrs. Kate Sullivan. Keeper of Tribute—George Lewis.

Scribe—Mrs. Ella Erwin. K. of L. G.—Mrs. Damon. K. of O. G.—Mr. Bonafield. Camp Physicians—Dr. Pierce-Collins, Dr. J. H. Eddy, Dr. A. L. Lina.

The new officers will be installed the fourth Tuesday in January.

With the Sick.

A case of diphtheria is reported by the family of Mr. Crawford over East Eldorado street.

Mrs. Eccles, mother of Mrs. H. Anthony, is ill at her home in Chicago. Mrs. Anthony is with her.

John Ulrich is confined to his bed with pneumonia.

The Dorcas society will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 with Bray on East Eldorado street.

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PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Catulle Mendes has been commis

sioned by the French government to

write a report on the progress of

French poetry for the 1900 exhibition.

All European sovereigns, with the ex

ception of the emperor of Germany,

Queen Victoria, and the young king of

Spain, possess the grand cross of the

Legion of Honor.

The one poem most often translated

into every language in the civilized

and uncivilized world was written by

a woman—The Ode to Aphrodite, by

Sappho. Shakespeare's works have

borne the test of but three, Sappho's

have stood through 25 centuries.

A new Bismarck anecdote confirms

the statesman's opinion of Wagner, the

man. "I knew him," said the chancel

lor, "but it was impossible for me to

care for him. At breakfast, dinner and

supper every moment Wagner demand

ed admiration. I found myself too

busy to give it."

The most surprised author in the

country is Bronson Howard. He

shelved "Satanstoe" three or four

years ago after having made a for

tune out of his royalties. Jacob Litt

revived it upon a most magnificent

scale this season and with a splendid

cast and it has been packing the the

aters everywhere. It is said that Mr.

Howard let Mr. Litt have the play at a

purely nominal royalty, and now it is

Litt who is gathering in all the money.

ONE HERO IGNORED.

He refused to Hoist the White Flag.

Even for a Truce, and Was

Sat Lean.

During the blockade of Havana it be

came necessary for the United States

cruiser to run near the harbor, and

losing a flag of truce, communicated

with the shore. The officer in charge

of the cruiser told a sailor to run up the

flag, and he refused.

It was announced that he said:

"Never shall such a flag be shown by

an American ship while I'm about

here!" or something like that, and, fold

ing his arms, stood dramatically in the

lee scuppers and waited for a file of

marines to shoot him for mutiny.

A newspaper correspondent went to

get a picture of this Spartan to play

him up against Bill Anthony, the hero

of the Maine, of whom the public at

that time had heard all there was to

hear.

He wanted some facts showing how

the white flag man had promised his

mother, while still a tot playing

marbles, that he would never do any

thing to bring a blush to the cheek of

the stars and stripes. The officer in

command of the cruiser said:

"Yes, he refused to hoist the flag, but

then he never does anything he's told.

There wasn't any heroism about it. If

we'd ask him to holystone the Minnae

Le'd have refused to do that, too.

"Please don't make a hero of him, or

the whole navy will refuse to work.

However, if you insist on seeing him,

you'll find him down in the forecabin

with a couple of sailors sitting on him,

for he's fighting drunk at this moment.

The light down there isn't very good

for photographing and you wouldn't be

able to see much of his face anyway,

because the man who's sitting on it is

rather stout."

And so it came to pass that that par

ticular hero was never hobsonized.—

N. Y. Herald.

A CUNNING HUSBAND.

How He Manages to Inveigle His

Wife Into Mending His

Clothes.

"It is strange that I can't get my wife

to mend my clothes," remarked Mr.

Bridle in a tone of disgust. "I asked

her to sew a button on this vest this

morning, and she hasn't touched it."

"You asked her!" said Mr. Norris,

with a slight shrug of his shoulders.

"Yes. What else should I do?"

"You haven't been married very long,

so perhaps you will take a tip from

me," answered Mr. Norris, with a fa

therly air. "Never ask a woman to

mend anything. That's fatal."

"Why, what do you mean?"

"Do as I do. When I want a shirt

mended, for instance, I take it in my

hand and hunt up my wife. 'Where's

the rag bag, Mrs. Norris? I demand,

in a stern voice.

"What do you want a rag bag for?"

she says, suspiciously.

"I want to throw this shirt away;

it's all worn out," I reply.

"Let me see it," she demands.

HIS CAP AS SECURITY.

The Way a Small Boy Got a Shovel and a Job of Cleaning a Sidewalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Blank were lingering over a late breakfast on Sunday morning when a loud ring of the bell announced the presence of some one outside of their door whose business seemed to be urgent. The maid answered the bell and discovered a small boy, who looked as if he had been blown to with the storm.

"Is the guv'nor here?" he asked.
"You mean Mr. Blank?"
"Yes, you're right again."
"What is your business?"
"Just tell him that Petey wants to see him most per-tic-lar. Got that? Most per-tic-lar."

The maid was so impressed with Petey's style that she hurried in his message, and Mr. Blank went out to look at his visitor.

"You're the guv'nor?" said the small boy, inquiringly.

"Yes."

"And I'm Petey."

"Yes."

"Petey, you know."

"Well, I did not, but I do now."

"Yes, an' your walk ought to be cleaned."

"That seems to be a fair statement, Petey," said Mr. Blank.

"Well?" said Petey.

"Yes."

"I'm the man to do the job for you. I'll shovel her off for you, let me see. Well, seeing it's my first job for you, I'll make a deduction. I'll do her up in good shape for 25 cents."

"We will call that a bargain," said Mr. Blank.

"An' I'll just ask for the loan of a shovel while I am doing it."

Mr. Blank began to hedge a bit at this suggestion.

"How do I know that you won't run away with the shovel?" he asked.

Petey's expression was pained for a moment, and then he said:

"Well, guv'nor, I'm off my beat up here or you'd know I was honest. I'll tell you what I'll do now; I'll let you hold my hat while I have your shovel, and he pulled off a ragged cap and held it out.

"But this wouldn't be much security," said Mr. Blank. "The shovel is worth a dozen caps like this."

"Why, guv'nor, I wouldn't dare to go away with your shovel. Do you think I could face my mudder widout my hat—do you, now?"

"Why?" asked Mr. Blank.

"Why? Why because she'd lick me for sure," and Petey's manner was so convincing that Mr. Blank let him have a shovel, and, what is more, he got it back again. Petey added another house to his "regulars," and Mr. Blank has registered boys' caps as available securities if an occasion arises when such a thing should be necessary.—N. Y. Sun.

GREAT ADVANTAGES.

It Doesn't Hurt When Learning to Ride the Bicycle if the Teacher Does the Failing.

Mrs. C. (to a caller, Mrs. B.)—I think you just miss it not having a wheel, it is so much more fascinating than riding horseback or in a carriage. They are very economical, you know; they don't eat or drink, and I have had mine two weeks, and it has been to the repair shop only once or twice.

"Mine is one of the latest patterns, and all a person needs is a tire brush, a few old rags, some soap and water, a piece of emery cloth, some gasoline and a broom, to clean it, and a wrench, a hammer, a screwdriver, a file, some tongs, a nipple wrench, the scissors and a pair of gloves to take it apart; and the same things, with a tire needle, some cement, a little oil and graphite, some wind, a little patience and a few hours' time will put it together."

"So you see the care of a wheel is the merest detail, because it has to be taken apart and put together only twice or three times a week, and in case you are not feeling equal to the task, one's husband is always ready to do it for you before breakfast or after office hours."

"And a person can learn to ride so easily, why it didn't hurt Mr. C. at all when I was learning. He fell down only a few times, and didn't spoil, but two or three suits of clothes. Of course, he is taking a vacation now; he says he doesn't think he is needed at the office, and I don't believe he is, or he would go, because I am sure his sprained ankle and broken thumb needn't be keeping him at home."

"You know they come in any color, and one can have them repainted as the fashion changes, for ten dollars, or for \$9.98 in some places."

"Don't you think you will have one, Mrs. B.—? Of course, your husband may make some objection, but when he sees how cheaply it can be kept, I am sure he will let you have one; and then you can explain how you would be able to strap the baby onto the handle bars, saving him the trouble of wheeling it in the carriage. A baby is such a handy thing to have on a bicycle; it furnishes a splendid means of identification in case the wheel is stolen or lost."

"I am sorry you must go. You must be sure to call again."

"Good-by."

"Mary, get my bicycle suit ready, and telephone over to the repair shop that I must have my wheel at once, even if it isn't quite dry; and after I go you had better see to Mr. C., and leave him some fresh coat plaster and arnica, and tell him that I will ride only one century to-day."—F. H. Taplin, in Truth.

A Confidence Man.

"Why do you call Jimpon a confidence man?"

"Because he's always taking people aside and telling them his private affairs under pledge of secrecy."—N. Y. Journal.

When you have eaten too much, or when you suffer from any form of Dyspepsia or Indigestion, remember that Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. It cures the worst forms of Dyspepsia. H. W. Bell, N. L. Kroon, C. F. Shilling.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. O. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia, the past month, with good results." H. W. Bell, N. L. Kroon, C. F. Shilling.

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LENT IN OLD HAVANA

Sights of the Cuban City in Carnival Time.

The Streets at Night Are Thronged with Crowds of Costumed Revelers—Dancing at the Theater.

The first Sunday after our arrival was a carnival—a sort of "treating resolution" celebration, for Lent had already begun, and nothing could be less Lenten than the carriages and costumes which, about four o'clock, began to pour past our hotel (the Paseo), all making the round of the Paseo Isabella, and then out to the Prado and back—a circuit of a couple of miles or so.

Recalling the old proverb about Rome and the Romans, we accepted the invitation of friends to join the gay procession, and were presently seated in a fine barouche drawn by four horses, their tails plaited with red, white and blue ribbon—a delicate compliment to our nationality—and tied to the saddles in true Cuban fashion, while our negro driver was gotten up in the height of barbaric splendor.

In spite of our determination to be Roman, we had instinctively put on our hats to go out, but although the use of bonnets is becoming quite general in Cuba, they are not so during the carnival time, for nearly all the fair Havana women whose carriages we met or passed had their own magnificent hair elaborately dressed and ornamented as their only headgear; and many of them were costumed as if for a ball—with uncovered shoulders and arms, and richly ornamented dresses of white or delicately tinted silk, with a profusion of jewels.

A few persons, both male and female, wore half masks, and a good many, apparently not of the haughtiest, were draped in fancy costumes, some of them rather funny, but generally in poor taste; indeed, the same rule applied here which is found universal all over the world on such occasions—the best people were the quietest in dress, manner and deportment.

A few volantes, richly ornamented, as were the harnesses of the horses and the liveries of the valets, were gaudily joined, the procession; but these carriages are almost banished from Havana by the more convenient victoria or barouche, while a few misguided emigres have brought home coupes, which look sadly out of place in this out-of-door climate.

In the evening we attended the ball at the Tacón theater, and from a cologne of vantage in the first tier of boxes looked at the motley crowd of revelers below. Here again fancy dresses were the exception, and plain black dresses and masks the rule; a favorite disguise being a complete and tight-fitting covering of black for the head, neck and shoulders, passing down inside the dress, so that not one line or point of those portions remained visible to recognition; while a handsome bandanna handkerchief was wound, negro fashion, around the head.

Many of them also had their skin covered and wore wigs of negro wool, with black gloves, but no bona fide negroes of either sex were admitted, and the company is as select as can in such cases be managed; plenty of bulls being available at the same hour for persons of other classes.

Two bands at opposite points in the gallery furnished music of an exceedingly inartificial nature, but well adapted to its use of marking time for the dancers, who filled the floor without intermission from eight o'clock until three or four o'clock in the morning.

The only dance, however, was the danza criolla, or Cuban waltz, occasionally amplified into the four simple figures of the quadrille, but always coming back to the waltz movement peculiar to this climate and people, and more resembling the graceful posturing and undulatory movement of the Egyptian ghawaze than the rapid, heating, graceful gyrations of our American waltzers.

Returned to our pretty apartment, we seated ourselves in the balcony, and for another hour enjoyed the gay life of the city spread out at our feet, for, although it was past midnight, the carriages rolled by us as merrily as ever; the plaza in front of the house was thronged with promenaders; the dance music floated through the fresh air not only from the Tacón theater opposite, but from a French ball going on at a hotel upon the Paseo Isabella; while the brilliant row of gaslights, branching away in every direction, mapped out the streets more clearly than by day.

Night is, after all, the time to see Havana and its people to the best advantage, for it is seldom until about sunset that the ladies venture out except to early mass, while the evening is always chosen for the most ceremonious visits.—Mrs. Frank Leslie, in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

What Happened to the Crow?

A novel way of discovering a gold field was recounted by Hon. E. H. Witte, an agent-general for western Australia, in his lecture at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, held at the Whitehall rooms recently, under the presidency of the earl of Onslow.

In 1889 the Mallina gold field was discovered by a lad in this wise: The boy in picking up a stone to throw at a crow observed a speck of gold in it, and reported it to the nearest resident magistrate. This gentleman was so excited at the news that he telegraphed to the then governor and stated that a lad picked up a stone to throw at a crow, in his excitement omitting to say "and saw gold in it." So the governor wired back these words: "What happened to the crow?"—London Telegraph.

The sooner a cough or cold is cured without harm to the sufferer the better. Lingered colds are dangerous. Hackling cough is distressing. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures it. Why suffer when such a cough cure is within reach? It is pleasant to the taste. H. W. Bell, N. L. Kroon, C. F. Shilling.

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SNOW IN ITS PROPER PLACE.

The Rare Climatic Advantages of a Newly Acquired City of the United States.

"Gimme a pair of arties," said the cold-looking man to the clerk in the shoe store. The clerk looked pained at the mispronunciation, but rose superior to his feelings and hastened to make a sale. While he was fitting the arties he made a little conversational venture, a suggestion that the abundant snowfall had made it so cold that heavy foot covering was necessary.

"It ain't the cold and the amount of snow that bothers me," said the customer, "but it's the coming so almighty quick when you're not looking for it; that's what gets me. I ain't used to it."

"No snow where you come from?" asked the clerk as he finished bucking the left artie.

"Plenty of snow. Snow all the year around. Winter and summer just the same. Get used to the snow; but not to the way it has here."

"That must be worse than the Klondike. They tell me that the snow does melt there along about mosquito time. But your place where you have snow all the year long—well, all I can say is that I'm glad there ain't any such sort of climate in the United States."

"That's where you're away off. My town is decidedly in the United States and we've got a climate that you can't beat anywhere in the world. There isn't its match even in California and there's a pretty good climate out on the coast. Year in and year out there's just the same amount of snow and we know what to depend on, for it never varies."

"Must be a good place to sell arties and rubber boots," the clerk suggested.

"Never was as much as a single pair seen in town," replied the cold-looking man, "and as a good part of the population go barefoot there isn't much chance that such a novelty in footwear would attract custom. Snow like this I can't stand. It comes on you all of a sudden and you get a cold in your head; and you can't make yourself feel warm no matter how many of them you take."

"Ain't the snow cold out your way?" asked the bewildered clerk.

"Cold? Well, I guess it's just about as cold as snow can manage to come, for it never melts. 'But we don't feel it the same way. When I get up in the morning at my place I slip a linen duster over my pajamas and go down to the river for my swim, and on my way I stop and pick a banana or maybe a pineapple and look up and see it's been snowing again on the hills. Now, to my way of thinking, that's the kind of snow to have. It looks right pretty and it doesn't make you uncomfortable. It's a Christmas card climate."

By this time the clerk's head was swimming. It may have been because he was bending over to fix the right artie or it may have been because of the difficulty of believing this tale of climate. Even at the risk of spoiling the sale he was trying to make, his sense of meteorological accuracy got the better of him, and he said:

"I've listened to Californians talking about their climate, and I must say that even in their toughest stories they've always made it seem consistent. Los Angeles and San Diego people can get off some pretty stiff stories about oranges, but not even they pretend to grow bananas and pineapples and the really tropical fruits, and they'd never venture to talk about putting on a linen duster for a trip to an iceberg or a glacier. Ain't this cold snap enough for us to have to suffer without rubbing it in? At any rate, there ought to be a limit on stories about climate; they ought at least to seem reasonable. Where in the world is this place of yours with the chrome climate, pineapples and snow blockades all mixed up together? There isn't anything like that in the United States."

"That's where you're wrong," retorted the owner of the climate where arties are not needed. "We're as thriving a seaport as you can find in this country. We grow the best oranges in the world, the bananas and the pine and the mango are ripening all the year round and nobody ever wears anything heavier than linen clothing. But the everlasting snow is always in our sight. It banks on the side and top of the mountain just behind the town, and while you are picking tropical fruits you can have the satisfaction of seeing all the snow you want, and just where you want it, which is somewhat different from the snow here, which seems to come thickest just where you don't want it. Now at my place I can mount my horse after breakfast and take my luncheon on a glacier if I'm looking for cold. And don't you make any mistake about it, we're in the United States, and you're going to hear more of us. The mountain that keeps our snow is Mauna Kea, and my town is Hilo, Hawaii, United States of America. It's been that way since last August. When I'm done with those arties here, I'll take them home as a curiosity."—N. Y. Sun.

Time Game.

The royalties of Europe all aspire to be considered great hunters, and the courtiers unanimously declare that they are, although it is rumored that not one is more than an indifferent marksman. Prince Ferdinand of Roumania is one of the unconnected shots. Recently while hunting in the Carpathians he expressed the desire to kill a bear, and on the very next day, strange to say, he had the luck to start up two, one of which he shot. The attendants started to carry it away, but Prince Ferdinand was so proud of his achievement that he insisted on examining the carcass. To his chagrin he found a ring in the animal's nose, and inquiry developed the fact that the officials had bought the bears from a showman in order to gratify the prince's wish.—Golden Days.

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To Cleanse White Furs.

We will imagine that white ermine, ermine or fox has to be cleaned. All dust must, in the first place, be shaken out of the fur, which can then be laid out upon a table and rubbed well with bran, moistened to a pasty consistency with warm water. So that the fur may not be roughened, it is advisable to rub in the bran with a soft piece of white flannel, and the rubbing must be continued until the fur is quite dry. It should then be gently rubbed with dry bran, shaken and rendered soft and lustrous by the application of magnesia, rubbed in with a piece of book muslin. There is no objection to finally smoothing down the fur with a soft velvet brush. When dark fur has lost its luster, it is frequently found successful to lay hot rye flour upon it, and leave it covered with this for perhaps half an hour. The flour should then be shaken and brushed out.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Poster Pillow for the Divan.

To make a poster pillow choose a poster that is of the realistic school—one that shows not more than three colors. Trace the figures on the stuff selected and then buttonhole them with a coarse silk on the pillow cover. Velvet or satin may be used, or two shades of linen, or even unbleached muslin.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Highland Scenes.

To one pound of flour four ounces of butter, as much hot milk as will make a dough of the flour, and two beaten eggs; mix quickly, and roll out and cut in any shape or size wanted. Bake on a griddle or thick bottomed frying-pan. Must be served hot and eaten while fresh.—Boston Globe.



A more pitiful sight than a mother and her child, both captives and shackled in a dungeon, could not well be imagined. There are thousands of mothers and their babes who lie shackled by disease in the dungeon of death.

Without knowing it, or having the faintest comprehension of it, the fault lies with the mother. Too many women enter upon the responsibilities of wifehood and motherhood while suffering from weakness and disease that make wifehood and motherhood impossible. A woman who suffers in this way cannot be a capable wife and a competent mother. Before entering upon the duties and responsibilities of these positions, she should see to it that her health, both general and local, is thoroughly restored. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best of all medicines for this purpose. It acts directly on the sensitive organs concerned, making them strong, healthy and vigorous. It promotes regularity of the functions, allays irritation and inflammation, heals ulceration, checks unnatural and exhausting drains and soothes pain. It tones and builds up the shattered nerves. It turns the dangers and pains of maternity into safety and ease. It is a medicine that is intended for this one purpose only and is good for no other. Dealers sell it, and no honest dealer will suggest a substitute.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription did me no much good that today I am well again and stronger than I have been for years," writes Mrs. Alex. Locke, of Wile, Isabella Co., Mich. "I am in and healthy as one could wish to see. I took two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription.' I keep Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets at the house all the time. My family take no other kind of pills."

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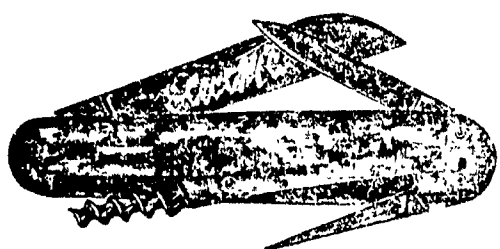
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The holiday display made in the window of the establishment of E. E. Peimpacker, the meat merchant of Macon, attracted much favorable comment. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, two fat pigs stuffed ready to be slipped into the oven, together with Christmas greens and other decorations, made a fine display.

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Elder Spicer has preached his farewell sermon as pastor of the Christian church at Sannemin, and will be succeeded January 8 by the new pastor.

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Born. To Mr. and Mrs. John May of Dalton City on Tuesday, December 27, a daughter.

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Will Repeat Performance. The members of St. James' Catholic church will repeat their Christmas oratorio next Sunday evening, January 1. The entertainment will be given at the Turner hall.

Five Per Cent Money. We have on hand a special fund to loan on first class real estate security at 5 per cent interest. Call at once. Peddeco, Burrows & Co.—31-dtf

Holiday Rates. The Indiana, Decatur and Western railway will sell tickets between all stations and to all points in Central Passenger Association territory on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 29 and 31, and January 1 and 2, at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning including January 3, 1894. For time of trains, rates, tickets and full information call on any L. D. and W. ticket agent or address John S. Lazarus, General Passenger Agent.—16-dtf

Home Forum Officers. Decatur Forum, No. 10, H. F., elected officers last night as follows: President—R. F. Davidson. First Vice President—Mrs. Jennie Laws. Second Vice President—L. T. Archer. Secretary—Mrs. Anna Archer. Treasurer—M. W. McHenry. Historian—Mrs. Pauline Schulke. Orator—Mrs. Sarah Welch. Assistant Orator—Mrs. Priscilla Jacobs.

Porter—Mrs. Sarah Smith. Guard—Mrs. Clara Shively. Medical Examiner—Dr. A. M. Drew. Director—Mrs. Pauline Schulke.

Several Fined. Sherman Moore, the colored boy arrested for stealing and breaking a bicycle owned by Harry English, was before Justice Hardy Tuesday afternoon. He was held on a bond of \$100.

There is a Class of People who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently a case was presented called GIBBON, male of the most delicate stomach receives it without distress and but few can tell from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 cent. Children may drink with great benefit. 15c. 25c. 50c. per package. Try it. Ask for GIBBON.

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and in default of bail was sent back to jail.

Theodore N. Smith, who was arrested Sunday night for beating his wife was before Justice Smith Tuesday, but his case was dismissed on account of the absence of the prosecuting witness.

Edward Hess was fined \$1 and costs by Justice Smith for disorderly conduct.

CURTAIN RUNG DOWN.

Santa Claus Makes His Farewell Appearance for 1893.

The Christmas festivities were brought to a close last evening with the giving of the entertainment at East Park chapel. The little drama presented by the Sunday school children was unique in character. In the center of the stage was erected a huge old fashioned fire place with a sure enough chimney. Seven elves assisted Santa in discriminating between the children that were deserving and those that were not. When Santa came down the chimney he was pounced upon by seven children and bound in a chair with ropes of popcorn. The seven little elves went out and brought Jack Frost, who invoked the aid of the frost fairies, little girls dressed in white. The snow man then appeared on the scene and the chimney elves brought in a Christmas pie from which when opened, five boys sprang out with songs. Santa was finally released and treated all the children alike, distributing his gifts with a free hand.

The entertainment was in the hands of Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Shay, Miss Ollie Kunkle, Miss Lillian Hamilton and Norman Conghlin.

Election of Officers.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Sons of Veterans last evening elected the officers to serve for the coming year as follows:

President—Mrs. Nellie Shultz.

Vice President—Mrs. Minnie Garrow.

Guide—Miss Phoebe Smith.

Assistant Guide—Miss Lulu Garrow.

Guard—Myrtle Strader.

Outer Guard—Miss Rachel Campbell.

Secretary—Mrs. Anna Wood.

Treasurer—Miss Ida Laworth.

Trustees—Mrs. Mary I. Hamsher, Mrs. Donna Fleming, Mrs. Ernest Harkness.

Judge Advocate—J. M. Shultz.

Advisory Board—Ernest Harkness, Art Reynolds, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mr. Baer, Mr. Lanham.

Decatur Council, No. 16, R. and S. M., elected the following officers last evening:

T. I. M.—W. J. McGee.

I. D. M.—N. L. Krone.

P. C. W.—Sherman McClelland.

Treasurer—Joseph N. Baker.

Recorder—J. S. Carter.

Chaplain—A. M. Werner.

C. C. G.—George Stadler.

O. C. G.—William Grindol.

Steward—Charles Sturt.

Sentinel—P. J. Lowe.

WILL NOT PROSECUTE.

Edward Drohn and Della Gates Will Get Out of Their Scrape.

Edward Drohn and Della Gates will not be prosecuted for stealing the goods found in their possession. Meeker and Maloney, the proprietors of the dry goods store from the back of which place the stuff was stolen, applied for a warrant. The goods, however, were left outside the store and it would be necessary to prove an intent to steal. The goods have been returned and nothing will be done unless the matter is taken up by the grand jury which meets next week.

List of Patents

Granted to Illinois inventors this week Reported by C. A. Snow & Co, patent attorneys, Washington, D. C.

E. DeMoulin, Greenville, dummy lung tester; A. Onis, Streator, tank heater; O. A. Hawk, Sterling, bolt cutter; G. H. Hall, Delvidere, magazine camera; W. A. Kilmer, Joliet, wire fence machine; W. A. Kilmer, Des Plaines, picket forming machine for wire fences; A. S. McCaskey, La Grange, calculating machine; W. F. Natschke, Buckley, cultivator and draft equalizer; E. Oswald, Alhambra, drawing desk. For copy of any of the above patents send 10c in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

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MACON COUNTY CORN CROP

Reliable Review of the '98 Yield
Given by Townships--Good
Average.

The yield of corn in Macon county this year will not be as poor as might be expected after all the misfortunes that the elements have thrown in the way of the corn growers. A good many thousand acres of the best land in the county, located within the bounds of this county, were planted in corn this year.

Early in the season the farmers were compelled to put off the planting of their corn on account of the wet weather. When the crop did get started there were rains and winds to damage it and some was planted so late that it never ripened. Much of the corn was blown down and rotted on the ground and during the season when the corn was maturing the rains were so frequent that the grain was kept continually wet. The ears of corn stood so straight on the stalks that the husks acted as a cup and held the water so that portions of the ears were rotted.

The yield of corn in Macon county last year was above the average, the percentage being about 110. This year the yield is about 60 per cent of the average. Information gathered from the farmers in different localities in the county show that the average yield throughout the county will be about 35 bushels to the acre. The general opinion is that much better prices will be procured by the farmers for their corn on account of the shortage. Reports from the various townships gathered from farmers during a number of weeks past are given below.

FRIENDS CREEK.

It is estimated that about 10,000 acres of land were planted in corn in Friends Creek township. McCarty and Gerber of Argenta, reported that the probabilities were that the yield in the township would be 35 to 40 bushels to the acre, compared to 50 to 60 bushels in 1897. The corn is short in quality and much damage was done by the wet and warm weather. The shortage of the crop and the inferior quality of same would have a tendency to raise the price.

HARRISTOWN.

The average of corn in Harristown township was 6000 acres. G. W. Waldor estimated that the average yield would be about one-half or 20 bushels per acre, making the total yield probably 10,000 bushels. Probably 10 per cent of the corn in the township is damaged and of no value.

SOUTH MACON.

S. G. Washburn of Macon estimates that the average yield in South Macon township will be about 35 bushels to the acre, which is about 25 per cent less than last year. Warm and wet weather did the damage. About 9000 acres were planted in corn.

WHEATLAND.

In South Wheatland township about 8000 acres were planted and the yield is estimated by Charles E. Conrad of Elgin to be 25 bushels to the acre, the average last year being 10 bushels.

NANTIC.

Charles Bruce reports that the average yield in Nantico township will be 27 1/2 bushels, or one-third short of the yield of 1897. About 9000 acres were planted and some damage was done by rain.

MAROA.

Thomas Costello reported that the average yield in Maroa township would probably be 35 bushels, 60 per cent of last year or 70 per cent of an average crop. The shortage was caused by growth, storm and excessive wet, warm weather.

OAKLEY.

D. A. Seitz reports that the 6500 acres planted in corn in Oakley the average yield will be about 80 bushels, or 195,000 bushels in the township, which usually yields from 10 to 45 bushels per acre. Storms lodged the grain and wet weather injured it to a considerable extent. At one time during the season chinch bugs did some damage. The crop in the southern and eastern part of the township is in the best condition and will compare to the average than in other parts.

HICKORY POINT.

In Hickory Point township there was planted about 14,400 acres in corn, about three-fifths of each section being utilized for that purpose. The usual average yield per acre of the township is 45 bushels, but this year it will not be more than 65 2-3 per cent, or 30 bushel per acre. The heavy winds blowing down the corn and the following wet weather caused the loss. The extent of the damage is from 5 to 10 per cent. The yield in the township in 1897 was above the average, being about 50 bushels.

MT. ZION.

John C. Boyce, the grain dealer at

Mt. Zion, reports that the acreage planted in corn in that township was about 7080. The average yield is estimated to be about 35 bushels, and it is believed that the shortage will cause the prices to go up. The yield is about five bushels per acre short of the usual average.

AUSTIN.

In Austin township after the gathering of the corn crop began the farmers felt better than they did before that time. There is a wide difference in the various parts of the township. Some fields will nearly come up to the average and others will not yield 30 bushels per acre.

BLUE MOUND.

The farmers of Blue Mound township have suffered with the rest, but not so badly as in some other parts of the county. The corn was not blown down so badly but dry rot did considerable damage. The greatest yield in the township will probably be 45 bushels.

ILLINI.

The farmers of Illini township have had hard luck this season. A great deal of the corn was blown down early in the season and rotted and dry rot prevailed to a great extent. It was necessary to exercise considerably care in gathering the corn to keep the sound grain separated from that which was rotted.

PLEASANT VIEW.

There was not much complaint from Pleasant View township. Most all the fields were affected more or less with dry rot, but the yield will not fall as much short of the standard as in some townships.

STATE EDUCATORS

Hold Interesting Sessions at Springfield—Closes Thursday Evening.

In addition to Superintendent Gastman and Principal Frank Hamsher Misses Alice and Anna Mead, Bertha Spencer, Kate McGuire, Will Westermann and Miss E. Howes are in attendance at the meeting of the State Teachers' association at Springfield.

The second session opened at 9 o'clock this morning with the discussion "What Can the School Do To Improve Community Life?" The subject was discussed under the subheads of "What Can It Do for the People?" John W. Cook, president of the Illinois State Normal University, and "What Can It Do for the Child?" D. B. Parkinson, president of the Southern Illinois Normal University. The discussion was opened by E. A. Gastman of this city and closed by E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of schools of Chicago.

The address at 8 o'clock this evening will be delivered by James H. Guilford, president of the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

On Thursday morning the principal theme of the discussions will be the public school library. The subject will be discussed by Homer H. Kingsley, superintendent of schools at Evanston; Katharine L. Shurp of Library school, University of Illinois; M. A. Whitney, superintendent of public schools at Elgin, and Alfred Baylies, principal of township High school of Streator.

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock Hon. S. M. Inglis and J. S. Freeman will deliver memorial addresses on Isaac N. Phillips will talk on Abraham Lincoln. Most interesting meetings will be held in the afternoon of each day. The principals section, primary section, child study section, college section, music section, physical training section, school board section, county superintendents section, high school section, library section and many other auxiliary meetings will be held.

CIVIL SERVICE.

Official Figures on the Result of the Examination Held Oct. 22.

Secretary W. L. Hancock of the Decatur civil service board of examination, gives out the following figures as the result of the examination held on October 22 last, 70 per cent being necessary to pass:

Clerks—Miss Clara Mechlott, 75.80; Theo. A. Funk, 87.80; John E. Mink, 85.65; Will R. Eichinger, 73.90; James A. Harkrader, 74.95; R. G. Hank, 72.25; William Starr, 69.30.

Carriers—Homer A. Enst, 92.25; Frank S. Hunsley, 85.25.

Postmaster.

W. S. Williams has been appointed postmaster at Fullerton in DeWitt county in place of H. A. Paik, resigned.

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"Friars" Come from

Spain.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Accord General Merritt, Admiral Dewfers to remain in command Asiatic station.

"In fact, he distinctly told much when I was in the Philip said the general.

"Upon one occasion, when administration intimated that find his presence in this countable, the admiral said if the would excuse him he would allowed to remain at his station.

The commander of the de of the east declared that our s the Pacific stations were well pleased to remain where they a while. "The naval forces ing not half a bad time out said General Merritt, "and to take excellent care of them.

In speaking of the atrocious are so freely charged against describe bands of clerics know "friars," General Merritt said

"The Filipinos seem to Jesuits and the native priests respect and confidence. They particularly have done much people in an educational way other ways have won their g As to the tortures inflicted people by the friars, I came from direct knowledge. The the reports I received concern were in regard to their li nens. These friars are not the islands, but come from They live on the fat of the their abuses had become in able."

CUBAN TROO

President May Advance Pay the Emergency Fund

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—tations are progressing in the the payment of the Cuban that on laying down their may be enabled to enter u pursuits and earn their livin ably no further appropriatio gress will be necessary to e president to carry out the p should be decided, as it prob be, to advance the money, c against the revenues of Cu the Cubans part of the m them for their services in army. This debt is not an resting upon the United S is one for which the Cuban ment will be obligated on lishment on an independ Pending the establishment o cent government there is no responsible for the payme soldiers, and unless they g advances the money as a will have to go for an indivi without pay for services ad dored in the war for inde

The special deficiency app bill carries an item of \$2,000 emergency fund, which t ment may use for any pu the idea is to advance the the payment of the Cuba out of this fund. It is however, that the presiden yet consented to this arrang

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MADRID, Dec. 29.—of Prime Minister Sag that a few days before h he talked in a mann showed that he was be at Spain's misfortunes. "The time when the gotiations were proce

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